Coach Matt Campbell walked into Iowa State athletic director Jamie Pollard’s office at 3:04 p.m. on Sunday. He had a smile on his face and sat down at the table surrounded by media.

On the speaker phone were the representatives of the AutoZone Liberty Bowl and they extended an invitation to Campbell and the Iowa State team to play in the bowl on Saturday, Dec. 30. Campbell proudly accepted the invitation.

It’s official, Iowa State is heading to Memphis, Tennessee to take on the Memphis Tigers in the 59th AutoZone Liberty Bowl.

Even though it’s exciting news for the Iowa State community, the Cyclones are in new territory because it’s been five years since their last bowl game. That means it’s also new surroundings for the Iowa State players.

“I grew up watching the Liberty Bowl,” Campbell said. “It’s got great tradition, great history to itself. For our program to be back in the bowl scene, I couldn’t be more fired up and more excited about that opportunity.”

Campbell told his players and staff at a team meeting moments before accepting the invitation in Pollard’s office.

He said the players were excited about playing in the Liberty Bowl and playing against an opponent like Memphis. After Campbell left the meeting, the players went down to the locker room to celebrate with some music and dancing.

Redshirt senior Jake Campos said there were a number of players in the middle dancing, but everyone had a smile on their face.

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“This is what this senior class has been pushing for over their careers,” Campos said. “We finally made it.”

The seniors have finally made it, but this isn’t the first time Iowa State has been at the Liberty Bowl in program history. The Cyclones have gone to the bowl twice, but both times coming out with the loss.

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“We’ve been playing our best football recently,” Lazard said.

“To be able to solidify my career here to go out with a win would be very satisfactory.”
There are two new bachelors degrees pending approval to be added to Iowa State's curriculum.

The Bachelor of Science in data science and the Bachelor of Science in actuarial science will be voted on by the faculty senate at their Dec. 12 meeting.

The bachelor's degree in data science will give students a number of new opportunities for employment. Data analysts are in high demand in industry, non-profit agencies and the government.

Professor of computer science, Hridesh Rajan, has been working to make data-driven research more accessible.

"Some of the students who are going to take the degree are going to go into industry but some of them also will decide to pursue a higher education," Rajan said. "So it's going to directly feed into that graduate pipeline."

Students will be taught core skills and problem-solving approaches. They will be prepared with technical and communication skills to succeed as data scientists.

Rajan mentioned the program works well as a co-major. Currently, there is no degree like this offered through the Board of Regents' universities in Iowa.

Various colleges at Iowa State provide education useful for those pursuing data science, but none extensively cover the field.

"There is a significant body of data-driven research going on on our campus already," Rajan said.

Five classes will be added to the catalog in order to meet the learning outcomes for the program.

Iowa State's current facilities and equipment is sufficient to establish a high quality program. A new tenure-track faculty member would need to be hired in the first year to help teach the courses.

The bachelor's degree in actuarial science will offer students the opportunity to have a career as an actuary. The program is a joint effort by the College of Business and the departments of mathematics and statistics.

Actuaries work for businesses with a focus on finance, like insurance companies. They manage risks and help leaders make strategic decisions.

Des Moines is the second biggest insurance center in the country, making it convenient for students to find local jobs. Along with the degree offered by the College of Business, a certificate in actuarial science will also be offered by the mathematics and statistics departments.

Three new classes will be added to the finance department, while two new classes will be added to the department of mathematics. The program may also require the hire of a new faculty member, but the need has not yet been determined.

Rahul Parsa, senior lecturer of supply chain and information systems and former Director of the Actuarial Science Program at Drake University, will be the lead faculty member for the actuarial science program.

"People in the industry say we need more actuaries with high skill levels," Parsa said. "It's a win for the students, a win for Iowa State and a win for the industry."

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STUDENT LIFE

Tips for surviving Dead Week

BY JILL O'BRIEN
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It's finally here.

The week where projects and homework cannot be assigned by professors, but students are inundated with projects and homework. Where calculating final grades becomes as second nature as tapping out a text message to Mom.

It's Dead Week at Iowa State, the week that can either be the most stressful or most relaxed of the year. Here are a few tips to stay sane and maintain focus before Finals Week begins.

CHECK YOUR GRADES

It sounds like a scary task, but check all of your current grades during the start of the week. Doing this will paint a (hopefully) accurate portrait of where you are in a class, help decide where you want to be and provide a stepping stone to making a plan for how to get to that grade. While coming up two or three letter grades in a class may be unrealistic, shooting for one grade up or getting over the border between a B+ and an A- are less stressful goals to shoot for.

MAKE A PLAN (OR MANY)

According to an article from the State University of New York, creating a balanced study plan and schedule will decrease the need to cram and increase the amount of information retained in each subject. From there, make a plan of action as to how to effectively study for your exams, even if that means flipping the script and changing around your study habits entirely. It all kind of comes down to doing what works for you- whatever study strategies have gotten you through the semester successfully may be helpful when the final test of the year rolls around.

PROJECT A DEADLINE ON PROJECTS

Some classes have large or heavily involved projects serve as their final exam. While those projects are as important as an exam, the execution of the project takes much longer and according to studies from the Center for Innovation in Research and Teaching, group projects should hold every group member accountable for the material being covered.

Try to work with group members on setting a deadline that works for all parties involved, to keep everyone's stress levels at a minimum.

TACKLE ONE TEST AT A TIME

Do not try to study for multiple tests at the same time. A desk cluttered with papers from three different classes can oftentimes mirror a cluttered brain, overflowing with formulas and vocabulary words and dates to remember.

Try to take studying one step at a time. Have two tests in one day? Set aside time to study for each one. If you feel comfortable with material for one class, spend a shorter amount of time reviewing and locking in that material, so you can devote the majority of your study time to that difficult class.

REMEMBER TO EAT, DRINK AND SLEEP

Basic functioning is just as important as studying for your exams, even if that means flipping the script and changing around your study habits entirely. If all kind of comes down to doing what works for you- whatever

DON'T FREAK OUT

Finals Week doesn’t get any easier. It doesn’t get any less stressful or tiresome, but it also isn’t going to stop coming around.

Don’t stress out about things out of your control. Spend time focusing, not worrying about the things in your control- how much you study, how much you focus and how relaxed you are going into an exam.

Knowing you studied as much as you could, stayed as healthy as possible and did your best to reach your goals should give you peace of mind, and may lead to a relaxed, positive mindset during final exams.
POLICE BLOTTER
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An individual reported damage to a poster at Friley Hall (reported at 1:39 a.m.).

Orrin Richard Glines, age 25, of 207 May St - Radcliffe, IA, was cited for driving under suspension at 2700-Blk Lincoln Way and was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated and insufficient number of headlamps. (reported at 2:09 a.m.).

An officer assisted an individual who was experiencing medical difficulties at Union Dr and Mollfrd Rd (reported at 9:12 p.m.).

An officer assisted a citizen who was requesting a copy of a report from the police department at 207 May St - Radcliffe, IA (reported at 10:27 a.m.).

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Gordon Branch Knight, age 50, of 1019 Delaware Ave Unit 22 - Ames, IA, was arrested and charged with public intoxication - 2nd offense at Horticulture Hall (reported at 10:16 a.m.).

An individual reported being the victim of a fraud at 36 Schilletter Village (reported at 2:04 p.m.).

409 Stanton Ave (reported at 10:08 p.m.).

Seth Elliot Guilkon, age 21, of 2014 Hawthorne Ave Unit 7334 - Ames, IA, was arrested and charged with public intoxication at Welch Ave and Hunt St (reported at 1:49 a.m.).

Patricia Ford Doro, age 50, of 1819 Delaware Ave Unit 22 - Ames, IA, was cited for driving under suspension at 2700-Blk South Dakota Ave (reported at 4:28 a.m.).

An officer investigated a property damage collision at Pammel Dr and Mollfrd Rd N (reported at 10:27 a.m.).

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Health care is a basic human right, not for sale

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Health care is a hot button issue in the United States, and understandably so.

You indeed may have caught wind of the massive debate surrounding the Affordable Care Act, or Obamacare. I really, really don't want to talk about that.

The concept behind universal health care is simple: the government pays for and provides health care for its citizens. This is the basis for the health care systems in nearly every developed nation on Earth, with the exception of America. In America, people are now required to purchase health insurance on the free market from a company if they don't qualify for Medicaid or Medicare. In America, customers pay premiums every month for health care. With universal health care, it is provided and paid for by tax dollars.

With that being said, there are two main arguments for universal health care: it is a more efficient system and a moral moral system.

One of the main arguments opponents to a universal plan will use is that care is rationed, which leads to more wait times. However, this is actually not entirely true. While wait times in Canada have been a challenge, individuals in most developed countries actually are able to see a doctor more quickly than Americans.

Because of this, the tax increase many Americans would experience would be less than the amount of money they would save by not having to pay health care premiums or deductibles anymore. Another thing that would reduce the cost to the taxpayer is the lack of a profit motive for the government. Insurance companies have to charge not only enough money to make sure they can pay for clients' care, but also pay the salaries of those who push paper for the company, and then still more to maintain a profit. The government would have to pay for care and paper-pushers, but the profit motive is out the window, which leads to lower costs.

Now comes the moral argument. If, somehow, you are not persuaded by better care at a lower cost for every single American, please consider this: forty-five thousand Americans die every year because they don't have access to health insurance.

And that statistic doesn't capture the group of Americans who experience major health complications because they couldn't afford to get preventative care like a basic checkup.

Ten percent of Americans don't have health insurance. Even if you don't believe all of the evidence suggesting universal health care is less expensive than the current system, there is a moral imperative to make sure people don't die because they can't afford to pay health care premiums.

A civil society does not allow that to happen. In most of the developed world, people have reached the same conclusion. It is time America finally follows their lead.

To put it another way, health care should not be viewed as a product to be purchased, but as a basic human right. Universal health care hasn't truly been seriously considered by this Congress, but it ought to be. And even though the evidence all points to better care at a reduced cost, as long as Congress and the White House remain conservative, it likely won't be.

But for every single day that passes without universal health care for Americans, more people will die. The current health care system is failing us. Our government is failing us. It is time to ensure every American has the right to basic health care. It is critical to our lives, liberties and pursuits of happiness.

EDITORIAL

Net neutrality vital to democracy

On Dec. 14 the Federal Communications Commission, or FCC, will vote to repeal the net neutrality rules established during the previous administration. FCC Chairman Ajit Pai claims the regulations are too heavy-handed and stop major telecom companies like AT&T and Verizon from pursuing new business models. The ISD Editorial Board strongly believes a free and open internet is vital to our democracy.

Under the proposed changes slated to be voted on next week, internet service providers (ISPs) would be able to manipulate internet speeds and force you to pay higher fees to access certain websites like Netflix, Twitter, Google, YouTube and many more.

Furthermore, Chairman Pai's former employer and ISP, Verizon, could require its customers to use the search engine Yahoo, which is owned by Verizon. Customers could then be forced to pay higher monthly prices to use Google’s services. Some ISPs, like Comcast, have published statements saying, “that we won't block, that we won't throttle, that we won't discriminate against lawful content.” Great! But, then why do ISPs like Comcast, Verizon and AT&T want the ability to do just that? The current laws prevent these companies from engaging in this type of activity.

Think about net neutrality like this. Under the current regulations your internet operates like a free, public highway where anyone with a car can get on and travel to wherever destination they like. Repealing the net neutrality laws would mean ISPs could place toll booths on the roadway and require users to pay more. Creating this economic barrier further suppresses people who lack the financial capital to fully access the internet.

The outcome of the vote is expected to be along the party appointed line with three commissioners voting for the new rules and two voting against. This battle doesn't end there, however. Congress can act to enshrine a free and open internet as part of our society. The new rules are also likely to be brought up in the courts if passed next week.

This complex issue requires more attention from our lawmakers. The fight is far from over.
Confidence is key. And Iowa State has its confidence back with a four-game winning streak to hold a 4-2 record early in the season.

Even though there’s a sense of momentum changing in the right direction, the Cyclones have had a long stretch of practice and no live games against opponents. From their last game against Western Illinois on Nov. 25 to their next game against Northern Illinois on Dec. 4, it’ll be eight days between games. Northern Illinois, on the other hand, will be finishing its fourth game in nine days at Hilton Coliseum at 8 p.m. on ESPNU. Even though it’s been a long time since Iowa State has stepped onto the floor of Hilton for a game, coach Steve Prohm feels more confident about his team’s success.

“It’s been kind of boring because we’ve been doing practice for the last week,” said junior guard Nick Weiler-Babb jokingly. “We can’t wait to get back out on the court Monday.”

Iowa State is still a little banged up for Monday’s game. The key focus early this season is having everyone available to play. The Cyclones only have 10 players this season, so Prohm needs all hands on deck each game to produce a winning result. Last game against Western Illinois, sophomore guard Ja-kolby Long wasn’t dressed due to a concussion that happened during practice over Thanksgiving break. Then, in the game, Weiler-Babb left the game limping for a few minutes, but came back to finish the game.

It seems like two players are still questionable for the Northern Illinois game. Long is still day-to-day with his concussion and Prohm has said he’s making progress, but as of right now, Long would be out for Monday.

The other injured player is Zoran Talley Jr. who’s dealing with a foot injury. Prohm said he tweaked it during the Western Illinois game and has been recovering.

“It’s not a sprain or anything,” Prohm said. “It’s more of a bruised foot. He’s been having a boot on for the past couple of days.”

Talley Jr.’s status is unknown for Monday, but the Cyclones will have practice all this weekend to determine who will be available to start the long run of games. Prohm said, after the win against the Leathernecks, it would be nice to have this small break between games so every player can get back to full health before a busy end to the semester.

The Northern Illinois game is the first game of three within a six-day period.

“It’s going to be a busy week with three games, while also completing finals for the end of the semester,” Prohm said. Iowa State is going to have a challenge against a diverse Northern Illinois team. The Huskies have three key players averaging over 10 points a game, which means they rely on spreading the ball out.

Sophomore guard Eugene German leads Northern Illinois with an average of 18 points per game, but junior forward Levi Bradley is close behind with 15.6 points per game. Finally, junior guard Dante Thorpe rounds out the double-digit performances with 10.3 points per game.

“They have a strong guard corps,” Prohm said. “We need to make sure we are prepared for everything that comes our way.”

Prohm said Northern Illinois is going to be a different team than Western Illinois because of how they run the court. The tempo is going to be fast-paced resulting in more fast breaks that Iowa State will need to be defensively strong for the entire game.

The Northern Illinois game will be a starting game before the biggest non-conference game for Iowa State as the Cyclones host in-state rival the Iowa Hawkeyes.

If Iowa State can come out with a win against the Huskies, Prohm said the team would have a higher confidence leading into the Iowa game.

“We’re going to take each game at a time,” Prohm said. “If we focus on Northern Illinois, we’ll have a better game and hopefully come out with a win.”
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Children and students alike line up in the Cardinal Room in the Memorial Union to get their faces painted as part of Winterfest on Dec. 1.

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